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Note verbale dated 15 July 2002 from the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992 concerning the situation in Somalia and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 1407 (2002) of 3 May 2002, has the honour to notify him of the measures taken by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic to ensure the full and effective implementation of the arms embargo imposed on Somalia.

1. As a founding Member of the United Nations, the Syrian Arab Republic supports the role of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security and, in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, has undertaken not to supply any of the Somali factions with weapons.

2. The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic does not allow the passage through its territory or by way of its seaports or airports of any arms shipments destined for Somalia.

3. The customs and border control regime in effect in the Syrian Arab Republic is such as to block any attempt to smuggle weapons to Somalia. Geographical distance and the fact that there are no direct air or sea transport links with Somalia also helps to prevent any attempt to smuggle weapons to Somalia.

4. The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic will endeavour to provide the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning the situation in Somalia with any information relating to the violation of the embargo.

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